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U.S. PATENT

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5,876,753	Timmons, et al.	March 2, 1999

NON-U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>Number</u>	<u>Country/Region</u>	<u>Date</u>
1037144	United Kingdom	July 27, 1966
2581991	France	November 21, 1986

OTHER MATERIAL

English-language translation of European Patent
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Copies of the listed materials are enclosed. Applicants do not concede that the identified materials, or any of them, constitute prior art within the meaning of the United States patent laws. Applicants believe the translated European patent document corresponds at least generally and thus provides English-language explanation for citation of the listed French patent document.

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